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SUBJECT: CODEL FINDLEY

REF: A. DAMASCUS 521; B. DAMASCUS 523

1. LATE LAST NIGHT (MAY 1) AP STRINGER CALLED ME TO SAY HE HAD APPEALED TO AP OFFICE IN BEIRUT TO SQUASH ITEM ON CONGRESSMAN FINDLEY'S TRIP TO ADEN WHICH REPORTED CONGRESSMAN'S INTENTION TO ASSIST CONSTITUENT IN JAIL. AS RESULT OF STRINGER'S APPEAL AND ON HUMANITARIAN GROUNDS, AP WIRE SERVICE WITHDREW STORY. AP CONFIRMS, TOO, THAT STORY NOT RPT NOT PICKED UP AS RETRAC-TION CAME SO QUICKLY.

2. AS RESULT OF COMMUNICATION DIFFICULTIES LAST NIGHT, DOUBT BEIRUT WAS ABLE TO PASS TEXT OF REFTTEL A TO CONGRESSMAN BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE TO ADEN. REQUEST, THEREFORE, THAT DEPARTMENT TAKE EARLIEST POSSIBLE OPPORTUNITY TO BRIEF CONGRESSMAN UPON HIS RETURN ON DEVELOPMENTS REPORTED THIS CABLE AND REF A.

3. AS FOLLOW-UP TO DAMASCUS 536, CONGRESSMAN FINDLEY'S VISIT AND CALL ON PRESIDENT ASAD RECEIVED FRONT PAGE COVERAGE IN BOTH MAJOR
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